



# Town of Abington

## OFFICE OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**Minutes**

**Board of Selectmen**

**January 24, 2022**

**Cotter Room**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Kevin DiMarzio, Chair, Tim Chapin, Alex Bezanson, Mike Kolodziej, Alex Hagerty, Scott Lambiase, Town Manager

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for Rodney Henrikson (attached).

### **Public Announcements:**

- Mr. Hagerty - wished everyone a Happy, Healthy 2022. There is a comedy night at the K of C on Saturday, January 29, tickets \$25, 50/50 raffle, to benefit the Abington Police Association.
- Mr. Kolodziej – noted John Force’s retirement from the Abington Fire Department after 36 years of dedicated service. After 25 years into his career, he put himself through Paramedic School. He was one of the most conscientious, consistent, reliable firefighters ever in the department and served as a mentor to many of the young firefighters. We hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.
- Mr. Chapin – the St. Patrick’s Day Parade is being held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in helping on the Committee may contact [kjbailey@verizon.net](mailto:kjbailey@verizon.net) or call Jack Bailey at 781-878-7785.

**6:40 p.m. Continued hearing, request for Class II license for Damion Bennett, dba Bentech LLC, with business to be conducted through the internet only, with no vehicles to be parked on property.** Mr. Bezanson recused himself from this hearing. Mr. Chapin made a motion to re-open the hearing, seconded by Mr. Hagerty, unanimous. Mr. Bennett has arranged to lease two spaces to park his cars being sold and two spaces for customers/employee at 939 Brockton Avenue. He will be leasing the spaces annually. He will submit a letter from the landlord.

Motion to close the hearing made by Mr. Chapin, seconded by Mr. Kolodziej, unanimous.  
Motion to approve the request for a Class II license for Damion Bennett, dba Bentech LLC, with business to be conducted through the internet only, with no vehicles to be parked on property at 15 Kimber Circle, seconded by Mr. Kolodziej, unanimous.

1. Vote to approve minutes of December 13, 2021, made by Mr. Hagerty, seconded by Mr. Kolodziej, unanimous.
2. Vote intention to layout Dorsey Street, Murphy Street and Cynthia Road ("Century Estates" subdivision) as a public way. With the Board of Selectmen approval, it will go to the Planning Board, and they will engage an engineer to review it and make sure the roads are built to specifications and report back to the Board. When it comes back to the Board, it will come back for a hearing. If it is approved, it will go on the warrant. The developer is requesting that these roads be accepted as town roads. If the reviewing engineer finds them to be constructed according to town standards, they get plowed and maintained by the town, which affects the amount of Chapter 90 money we get. If they are approved at Town Meeting, they will be accepted as official town roadways.

Motion by Mr. Chapin that the Board of Selectmen vote its intention to lay out Dorsey Street, Murphy Street, and Cynthia Road as town ways, as shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan for Century Estates," dated January 17, 2022, prepared by Outback Engineering, Inc. The Board of Selectmen hereby submits the plan to the Planning Board for its comments and recommendations pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §§81G and 81I, seconded by Mr. Hagerty, unanimous.


3. Review of Draft Personnel Policies – This has been discussed several times, and Town Manager has been working on this with Clifford & Kenny and the Town Clerk. Jaime Kenny – this is to promote uniformity for all departments. If there is conflict, this would be what governs. They are hoping to have this wrapped up within a couple of weeks. All employees will get a copy when it is finished, and they will offer training regarding certain policies.
4. Town Manager Report
  - Working on FY '23 budget. There is a \$2M deficit for '23 budget. They are seeking quotes on health and liability insurance. They have had meetings with MIIA and Mayflower and are hoping to find some savings and will be meeting with other groups also.
  - FY '22 numbers are tracking appropriately. Mass. Department of Local Services has reported statewide meals tax and collections are up significantly. State aid may go up 2%.
  - The Collins Center is helping with the capital plan and meeting with department heads.
  - Will be putting warrant articles on the website. They will be proposing "marijuana cultivation only" district and possibly "marijuana cultivation only" licenses.
  - On February 14<sup>th</sup> he will present parcels to the Board for open space & recreation. There is a joint meeting of the Open Space and Conservation Commission on February 15<sup>th</sup> which he would like members of the Board to attend also and

recommend that they put these parcels under the Conservation Commission's protection.

- There will be more episodes of the Town Manager's Corner – regarding setting the tax rate and assessing property and the Finance Director will be discussing budgets.
- On February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Finance team will present a wrap up of the CARES Act spending to the Finance Committee and begin a discussion on what we're doing with ARPA funds.

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. made by Mr. Bezanson, seconded by Mr. Kolodziej, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Hurst

OBITUARY  
RODNEY D. HENRIKSON

Rodney Henrikson, a former "townie," died on January 8, 2022. He was the owner of Henrikson's Dairy, Inc., taking a small local milk route to a thriving dairy-distribution business covering the South Shore and Cape Cod. During that period of time, he served in multiple positions in town government, including chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He also served on the board of directors of the former Abington National Bank, was an active member of the First Baptist Church of North Abington and served as treasurer for twenty-five years.

He was involved for twenty-five years with obtaining better health care for the sugar-cane workers and their families in LaRomana, Dominican Republic, working with teams from all over the United States resulting in a fully equipped hospital on the outskirts of LaRomana. He had a school named in his honor in one of the bateys.